THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Delhi Administration have reported the following vacancies:

Name of the Department	Name of the post	No. of vacancies
Department of Education	Chowkidar	57
Directorate of Socal Welfare	Cook	6
Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital	Nursing Orderly	12
		3
Directorate of Health Services	Attendants/Nursing Orderly	5

(b) and (c) In the Department of Education, out of 57 vacancies 50 are earmarked for the existing part-time Class-IV employees.

In respect of the remaining 7 posts which are to be filled up by direct recruitment, the Department of Education have sought certain clarification from the Employment Exchange.

Interviews for filling the posts of 6 cooks in the Directorate of Social Welfare are fixed 27th November, 1991.

As regards the filling up of vacancies in Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, the list of candidates issued by the Employment Exchange was not found to be complete as the names of ex-servicemen were not included. The Employment Exchange have been reminded to do so.

Of the 53 vacant posts of Attendants/Nursing Orderlies etc., 15 posts are earmarked for Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital, Khichripur. The hospital has not started functioning as yet. Of the remaining 38 vacancies, candidates for filling 11 vacancies have been selected. For the remaining 27 vacancies, the list of candidates sponsored by the Employment Exchange has been received only towards the end of last month.

Increase in pension of Freedom Fighters

55. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase the pension of Freedom Fighters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): No such proposal is under consideration at present.

Sterlization cases

56. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases of sterlization done in the country during the last two years;

(b) what affective steps are proposed to be taken by Government to check the increasing birth rate in the country; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to enact a law to check the birth rate in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The number of stelizations done in the country during the last two years (1989-90 and 1990-91 are 4.18 millions and 4.12 millions (provisional) respectively.

(b) In order to check the increasing birth rate in the country, a number of new initiatives have been taken to impart a new thrust and dynamism to the Family Welfare Programme. In this context a draft Action Plan has been evolved in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territories Administration. The draft Action Plan is directed towards improvement of the quality and outreach of health and family welfare services, expansion of the programmes for mother and child health care, better inter-sectrol coordination, meaningful information, education and communication effort, greater participation of the people in the Family Welfare Programmes and evolving a national consensus for imparting a new momentum to population control efforts. The draft Action Plan is being further examined by the State Governments/Union Territories Administration and other concerned departments of the Governments for possible improvements before it is finalised and put to implementation.

(c) There is no proposal at present to enact a law to check the birth rate in the country.

Anti-pollution measures in the Metropolitan cities of the country

57. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to make all the Metropolitan Cities of the Country free from pollution; and

(b) what action is taken by Government against the vehicle Owners for violating the anti-pollution measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The steps taken by the Government to control pollution in Metropolitan Cities include the following:

(1) Effluent and emission standards have been prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

(2) Ambient air quality standards have been envoled.

(3) A net work of ambient air and water quality monitoring stations has been set up.

(4) Metropolitan Cities have been notified as Air Pollution Control Areas.

(5) Environmental guidelines have been evolved for siting and operation of industries.

(6) Industries have been asked to comply with consent requirements of the State Pollution Control Boards to keep the discharge of effluents and emissions within the stipulated limits.

(7) Industries have been directed to install necessary pollution control equipment on a time-bound basis and legal action is taken against the defaulting units.

(8) 17 categories of heavily polluting industries have been identified and these industries have been asked by the State Governments to comply with the effluent/emission standards by 31-12-91.

(9) Schemes for construction/augmentation of sewage and drainage system and for treatment of sewage have been taken up. Such